

- Mr. Speaker, Republicans have been in charge for 8 weeks and this chamber has taken 154 votes--yet we still see no signs of job creation or a jobs plan.

- With 14 million Americans still looking for work, I ask my colleagues on the other side: where are the jobs? Where is the plan?

- In this House we have talked about repealing health care reform and “instructing” committees, but nothing on the jobs front.

- And now as we approach the deadline for government funding and the looming threat of a crippling government shutdown, House Republicans are focusing on irresponsible budget plans that actually threaten job creation.

- In fact, the Republican’s proposed long-term C-R not only fails to create jobs or spur the economy- it would actually cause more job losses and depress economic growth.

- Economists have discovered that their plan would destroy around 700,000 jobs through 2012.

- Mr. Speaker, as the impending funding deadline approaches, my Republican colleagues should negotiate in good faith and fund the government in ways that support job creation and economic growth- not to cause greater job loss and economic damage.

- I yield back.